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New housing policy implements point system

In preparation for next school year, housing applications will soon be accepted. This year housing rules have changed to a point system based on student classification.

Until now, five freshmen and one junior were considered a senior group, and were able to sign up as such. With the new point system however, all students will be classified according to their year and whether or not they are returning to the same facility.

New or special students get the minimum 2 points and juniors returning to the same facility get the maximum 14 points.

Once each student is classified the group takes the average of their total points.

If two groups with equal points request the same apartment, the difference will be resolved by a conference or by a simple drawing. The sign up will be first come, first serve, and will be strictly a point system, not a seniority system.

Other general housing rules include:

1. When applying for housing only one member of the group need be present to present the applications, deposits and complete the sign up.

2. Housing assignments will not be accepted before the times posted.

3. When applying for dorm rooms please specify if you would be willing to live in the trailers or off campus, if we have to make more room in the dorms.

4. If you sign up for a unit that has light housekeeping, you have to pay the light housekeeping rate, even though you might eat your meals on campus.

Housing assignments will be made when the following criteria are met:

1. All housing applications in the group are completed and signed.

2. All housing applications have a \$30 deposit accompanying each one.

3. The correct number of students are in the group to fill the unit applied for (exception will be the dorms).



East Campus Apartments--home to 276 Dordt students

Key and Groce to perform at Te Paske



Larry Groce sings "Junk Food Junkie"

The Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council is sponsoring two events in February.

The first performance is Saturday February 16 and features Tom Key.

Tom Key, an Atlanta actor who

spent the last two years performing in over one hundred productions of his one man show on Britisher C.S. Lewis. He is now bringing his new drama closer to native southern roots in The Cotton Patch Gospel of Matthew.

Key takes the stage as though he were disrupting a town hall meeting being held to settle political and economic differences that have bitterly arisen in the local community between followers of Christ and Christian haters. Portraying Matthew, he is the only one present who actually knew Jesus so he stop everyone's shouting and proceeds to set the record straight about the beginning of Jesus the Leader! Two acts later, the audience has heard a retelling of The Gospel Of Matthew.

The second performance is Tuesday February 26 and features Larry Groce.

Larry Groce is the author and composer of "Junk Food Junkie" and has appeared on many TV shows.

Groce does what he call Acoustic Music. This type of music has its roots in folk and country music, but it does not really fit into either of those categories. His songs tell stories "about everyday people, places and times. I would like some of my songs to make you laugh and

some to make you tap your feet. But most of all, I hope that maybe some of them will touch your heart."

Both events will be at Te Paske Theatre. Tickets are available at the Dordt Box Office for \$3.00, \$2.50, and \$2.00.



Tom Key portrays Matthew

Editorial

The basketball season is almost over with; last night was the final home game.

This year the Dordt crowd has been more supportive and enthusiastic than in other years. The games were usually well attended by mature, respectful students. However, at the Dakota State game last week there were some people in the crowd that made me question their maturity.

Toward the end of the game it was obvious we were going to win by a sizeable margin. If a defeat that great wasn't humiliating enough, suddenly the words of the song "We Are The Champions" were blaring forth from the Dordt crowd. Someone sitting at the top of the bleachers had brought a tape recorder or radio and had it turned on full blast.

It was clear from the coaches' and players' expressions that the music was bothering them. The Dordt crowd didn't appreciate it either. The cheerleaders unsuccessfully tried to lead a cheer in hopes of drowning out the music.

If that wasn't immature enough, wadded up programs were being thrown on the crowd and cheerleaders from the top bleachers.

Such acts have no place in a college crowd. It is usually assumed when students leave high school they also leave behind their immaturity. For those individuals who were disturbing the rest of us that night, may it be suggested that you not attend another sports event until you can act your age.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

This is to all students, faculty and other members of the Dordt community: We wish to say thank-you for all the kindness and love shown to us in the recent death of our children. We thank you for your cards and letters, the gifts of food and flowers and offers to babysit, but most of all for the prayers that have upheld us all.

Rev. E.L.H. Taylor and family

Dear Editor:

Why do students come to Dordt? After about three years at Dordt as a foreigner, I still see an appalling amount of apathetic students. A large proportion of students come here merely to get away from home, to "have a good time", to earn their M.R.S. or M.R. degrees, or just to "goof-off".

Why is this distressingly large amount of students so lethargic, so uninterested in living their faith--or are they living their faith, viz. that of "let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die"?

Dordt campus is reputed to be a Christian campus across the States, and indeed, over the entire world. However, on coming here one sees a rather big "bunch" of immature kids on campus: thieves, pot-heads, drunkards--you name it, you got it.

It must be stressed, however, that there are quite a few concerned students on campus who are anxious to live out their faith in Christ. It would also be safe to say that the faculty members are dedicated to their work in Christ's Kingdom.

Where does the blame lie then, regarding these other, rather un-concerned, nominal Christians?

Sad to say, most of the blame must rest on themselves; yet, I am sure their upbringing also has much to do with it.

With all this in mind, therefore, I often wonder if these quasi-Christians know about issues and debates that rage on campus, and if they care about today's world situation.

What is the Christian community going to do if the United States goes to war with Russia? Must we as Christians support the policy of defending "our interests" in the oil-rich Persian Gulf if the Russians try to take it over? Is there any talk on campus of trying to invent a new type of fuel or energy, so as to avoid a possible clash with Russia and with that the prospect of a nuclear war (World War III)?

I venture to suggest here that the faculty department of Dordt College ought to get their intellectual heads together and come up with a lecture series on this topic--we have enough qualified professors in the various departments without having to hire an expensive guest lecturer for this.

How about issues that are being debated on campus? Must we as Christians jump on the Dooyeweere-

dian band-wagon, or must we opt for a Traditionalism that we also know nothing about?

Students and faculty must realize that it is not any single theologian or philosopher that we must adore and follow, but we must only worship and serve Christ.

Sincere Christians must also question everything that is spoken from any of the professors' lips, not, of course, to be a radical, but to test what they hear in class by the Word of God, namely the commandments and ordinances of Jesus Christ expounded in the Bible. The point is that all Christians are bound to God's command to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God" (1 John 4:1).

To those that read this letter, I hope that it will be a good stimulus to discuss the issues here raised, and that those who "walk as babes" in Christ will seriously consider their own religion, be that of Christ or that of His arch-enemy, the Devil.

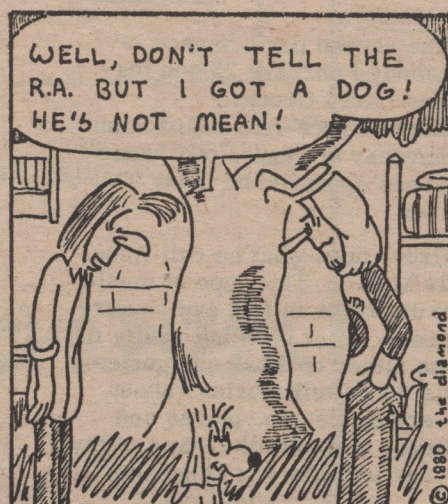
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Many students would prefer to write a letter as opposed to an essay. The reward of writing a letter is getting another in return (if you write to the right people), and if you word your letters right you might even manage to get a CARE package. Your only reward, if you can call it that, for writing an essay is a letter grade, hardly stimulating towards "sweating out" another essay. If a letter is compared with an essay the latter will be found much more formal. The writer is bound by so many laws and little rules of grammar that she is afraid to set her pen to paper for fear she'll violate an English code. The form and content of an essay is stressed to such an extent that it stifles creativity.

A person can bring herself to sit down at any time of day (or night) when she has a spare moment and write a letter. A letter requires no thesis sentence, no outline, and no footnotes, not to mention a bibliography or title page. You do not have to do any library research. These words and ideas for a letter just seem to flow from the pen, and in no time you have a few pages.

A letter is written to a very narrow audience, namely, your parents, brothers or sister, your boyfriend, or your friends. Since you know them personally it is easier to write for them. The letter reads as you would talk to them. For an essay you have a much broader audience. Even if the audience is narrowed down to a specific group, you must consider the varied interests of the people within that group.

There are no time limits on a letter. As long as you let your friends know you're still alive from time to time, there's no real pressure to meet a deadline.

When you write your mom she doesn't really care that you start one inch from the top, or quit one inch from the bottom and leave one inch margins on either side of the text. You just start at the top of the page and mosey your way on down and around.

Your boyfriend doesn't care that "the Renaissance was but one aspect of the transition to modern times; its central core was an upsurge of humanism." Therefore, you would have no need of quotations in your letters, unless your room-mate has something intelligent to say (which is seldom), and then there's no need to footnote it because he probably doesn't know her anyway.

Another point in favor of letter writing as opposed to essay writing is that you don't have to type out the letter; you may if you want to, but you don't have to. Besides, your own scrawl makes the letter more personal than the mechanical perfection of typed symbols.

All in all, I'd prefer to write an eight page letter above a two page essay any day. As a matter of fact, my last letter home was ten pages long, and my last two page essay was a day and a half late!

Van Groningen will take new position

Jay Van Groningen, Director of Resident Life at Dordt College, will be resuming a revised position next semester. Van Groningen now works with Len Van Noord, Assistant Dean of Students, and Karen Helder, also Director of Resident Life.

He will be moving off campus, relinquishing some of his present duties, and focusing his efforts on more specified work with student problems.

Currently Van Groningen's responsibilities are two-fold. He works with the Dean of Students office on committee work. He also is one of the five people on the Career Counseling Center staff.

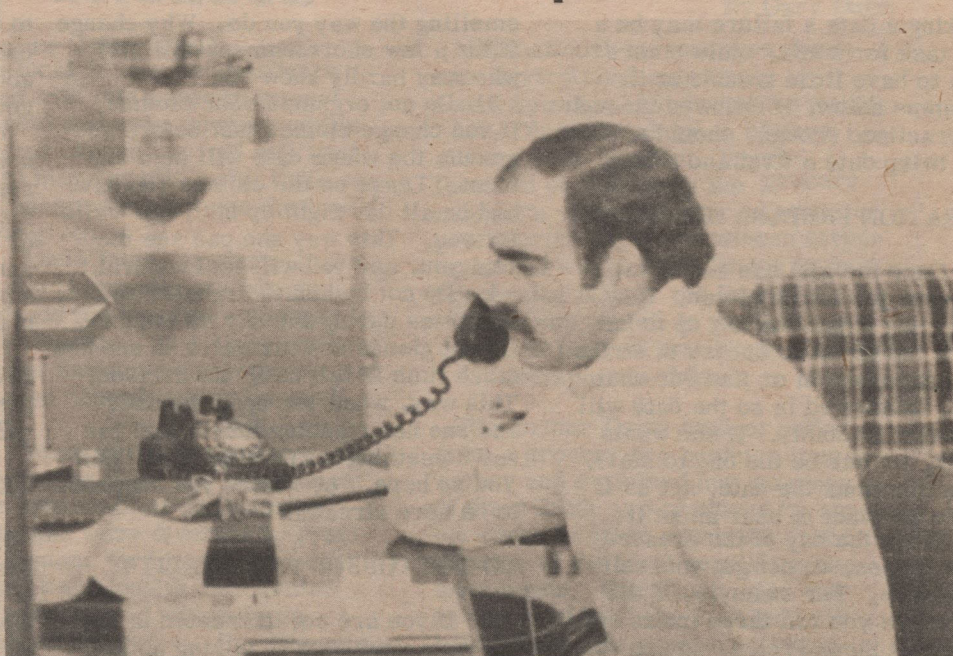
Living in North Hall, Van Groningen must be available day or night to help with problems in the dorm. He is to be ready to talk with the men who want to talk about their life, day or night. "This takes up much time," says Van Groningen.

Van Groningen says he enjoys his work and the contact with students on campus. "But I could spend all day making appointments to see students on campus," he says, "and I would be neglecting my responsibilities in other areas."

Management and supervision of the dorms as well as off-campus housing are part of Van Groningen's job.

Next semester his title will not have changed. But Van Groningen will move off campus. He will no longer be as available to the students after regular office hours. His present duties will be lessened, and he will be delegating some counseling responsibility to the person(s) replacing him in North Hall.

In this way, Van Groningen hopes to have a better chance to "maintain visibility" and "to get out more to discover student problems."



Jay Van Groningen lines up an appointment

photo by Louis Kwantes

"When there are problems, guys are more reluctant than girls to admit they want help," he stated, adding that he wants to have time to help them. Van Groningen says maintaining a Christian view of discipline on a college campus is sometimes hard. "Most kids do not want discipline, but we all need some forms of regiment in life."

With facility improvements planned for this summer, both the Dean of Students office and the Counseling Center will be coordinated from a central location in the SUB. Van Groningen will be in this complex. "We want to be together," says Van Groningen. "The staff members work in complementing areas in order to have efficient coordi-

nation and to do a better job, we need to work closely together."

Van Groningen asked to have his work load altered to allow him to "do justice" to some of the more specific student problems. He also says he wants time to develop his social life and church activities.

Phi Kappa Sigma cancels trip

by Marg Steenbergen

The annual field trip sponsored by Phi Kappa Sigma (Future Teachers' Club) was postponed last Tuesday, February 5, because of hazardous road conditions.

The Phi Kappa Sigma (in Greek, "The fear of the Lord is wisdom") was set up to meet the needs of the large number of education students here at Dordt College. There are three general purposes of the club: to gain valuable insight into education, to broaden the educational perspective of teacher candidates, and lastly, to define and promote Christian education.

"The club gives students the opportunity to wrestle with different issues in education as well as to share ideas or complaints about education," said Anne Heemsbergen, president of the club.

The club also sponsors different activities during the year. Various films are shown throughout the year in addition to the annual field trip. For the last two years the club organized trips to Des Moines, giving students an opportunity to observe an "open-classroom" situation.

"We decided to try something new this year," explained Heemsbergen. The planned trip to an Indian Reservation in Macy, Nebraska, approximately 30 miles south of Sioux City, would "enable the students to observe an environment of a different ethnic group and to gain insight about a tribal atmosphere," said Heemsbergen.

She continued, "The plan was to visit the elementary and secondary school, and to tour the rest of the community." The tentatively rescheduled date for the trip is March 1.

According to Heemsbergen, it was necessary to move the trip back that far because of the next activity featured by the club.

On February 26, Quentin Van Essen Dordt Counsellor, will set up mock interviews between employers and principals from the community and any students who wish to participate.

Lauren Runia, past president of the club said, "We had mock interviews last year and the feedback was very positive."

The club features a presentation by Ken Swits from Christian Schools International (CSI) in April.

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How to make your twirp date a failure

by Karen Byerly

Making a date a failure may be a hard task for some, while others seem to have little trouble at it. The steps below, if followed through and practiced enough, should make each twirp date a first and a last.

OPERATION PREPARATION:

1. Once the girl has asked you out, your job is completed. Now everything should be left up to her. Before the date, do not try to strike up a conversation or find out what she is interested in so the date will run more smoothly. If she wants to talk, let her be the one to start. If she mentions the date, act as if you do not want to hear about it.

2. When the day of the dreaded affair comes, do not get yourself cleaned up. For example, if the day before you ran three miles and worked at Sioux Preme, do not attempt a shower. After all, you worked hard to get yourself looking and

smelling the way you do. Why change it for a few short hours with a girl who may hardly know you?

3. Do not organize your clothes. If you change clothes just before you go out, the whole date will be a big front. Leave on the clothes you have had on all day right up until she calls for you. This way she can see the real you, and you will look natural.

4. Do not bother to organize your activities during the day or evening. Do not glance at your watch to see how much time is left until she arrives. This way, when you open the door and see her standing there, you can say something surprising like, "OH! You're here," or "Were you supposed to be here already?"

DO NOT PURSUE PERSONALITY:

5. If you are not interested in the subjects your date is talking about, just answer all questions with a blunt "yes" or "no." There is no reason

to try and get involved in the discussion if you really do not care about it, and after a while, she should get the hint.

6. Smiling and acting cheerful is not important. There is nothing really wrong with frowning or, for that matter, acting bored by yawning or the ol' rolling the eyes. You are not responsible for your date having a good time, so smiling will only make your mouth tired.

7. Making your date think you are having a good time is only a waste of time. If you have fun, you have fun, and if you don't, you don't!

TECHNIQUE:

8. If the date includes any activities such as square dancing, use it to your greatest disadvantage. Stepping on her feet constantly is a sure sign of achievement in your unsuccessful dating game. A few bruised toes never hurt anyone.

9. Food chewing almost always enters into a date, so your big chance may be in this area. Eat your food as if this is your last meal. If you have not talked during much of the date, this is a marvelous opportunity; however, be sure and do it while eating!

10. Be aggressive. For instance, if your date tells you an amusing joke, give her a big punch or a left hook to top it all off. At the end of the evening when the setting is just right and the two of you are all alone, make sure she will remember your date. Say something like, "It was a terrible evening. Thanks for nothing," and give her a big hand shake.

If you "twirpees" follow these steps, the whole evening should be something to forget.

If she never looks at or speaks to you again, you will have achieved your goal.

Spend your summer as a volunteer

A number of churches in mission situations need additional personnel to help them with their ministry programs. Often these congregations are small. Outreach into their community plays an important role in their growth.

Some volunteers are former SWIM'ers, others are students or teachers on leave of absence from the classroom, others want a change from the daily routine of working to make money; some are retirees.

All of them want to see Christ's Kingdom move forward and to have some part in church work. The Long-Term program is usually for one year.

A Long-Term volunteer does a variety of things. Fields vary according to the needs of their communities and the design of their ministry. "Bridge building" programs, retreats, recreational activities, jail ministry, nursing homes, tutoring, and Bible studies are some possibilities. There is an opportunity to do mailings, prepare newsletters for community distribution, run off bulletins, keep records and do filing. Visits to homes, phoning, setting up appoint-

ments, committee meetings and conferences with the field Pastor are also possible.

June or September seem to be the best times for most volunteers involved in church ministry programs. It usually takes one to three months to process applications, and confer with field Pastors. Terms for specialty or professional needs are usually individually arranged.

The volunteer may give three choices as to fields, cities, states, or geographic areas where they would like to go. If a person has certain special talents or gifts that seem well suited to a particular field, this consideration will be discussed.

Married couples may serve also. Where college grads are involved campus ministry is ideally suited to couples. It is also possible for one person to serve as a full time Long-Term volunteer while the other has employment.

There is no salary, but basic expenses, like room and board, transportation, medical insurance, phone and certain other items are paid for. It is expected, however, that volunteers will neither gain

or lose financially during their service except for the salary they otherwise might have earned.

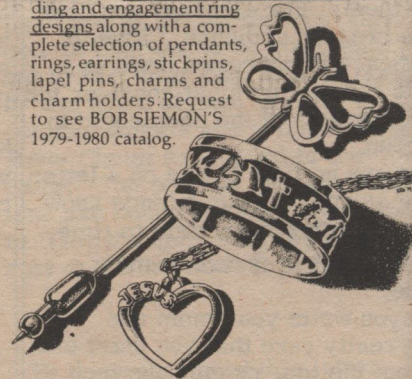


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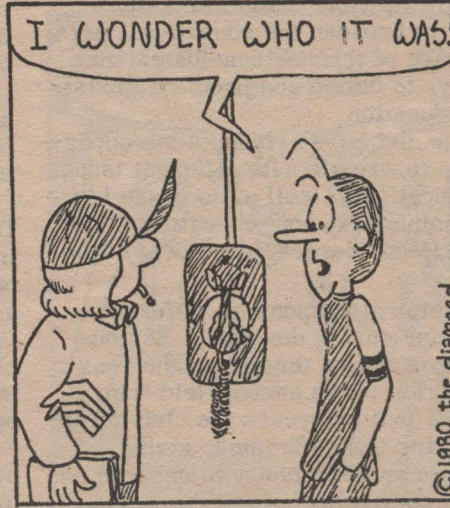
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World Hunger Conference sparsely attended

by Gary Duim

Although the World Hunger Conference held here January 29-31 did not attract a large show of student interest, the meetings were a success for those who participated and attended. The presentations and discussions outlined the magnitude of the world hunger problem and the necessity for Christian reflection, study, and action in facing the crisis. The first lecture, by Mr. Cal De Witt of the Institute for Environmental Studies of the University of Wisconsin, was an overview of the entire world population and food situation. There are about 4.3 billion people in the world. That number will double in 35 years at the present rate of growth; 35 years ago there were only 2 billion people. But if population had always doubled as fast as it is now then Adam and Eve would have started it only in 190 A.D.

The questions addressed by De Witt were, "How will these people be fed? Is there enough land available?" A conservative estimate is that 500 million people are now suffering severe hunger and malnutrition. Resources are not distributed equitably in the world and are not used or developed to meet nutritional needs.

De Witt produced figures indicating a total of 32 billion acres of land surface in the world. But 16 billion are not arable, and of the remaining half, 8 billion acres can only be used for grazing. Eight billion acres are potential cropland; however, only 3.5 billion acres are

presently cultivated. The rest is claimed by deserts, jungles and wetlands.

De Witt said that very little of the potential agricultural land can be brought under cultivation because of costs and difficulties. That leaves little more than 3.5 billion acres to work with, which is already less than one acre per person.

The U.S. uses about 2.2 acres of cropland per person presently. If zero population growth is attained by 2000 A.D., population will level off at eight billion people. If it grows till 2040, population would be fourteen billion. "The grim reality," stated De Witt, "is that either deaths must increase or births decrease."

Mr. John Hart from Sioux Falls spoke about domestic agricultural structure problems. He is director of the Heartland Project which is the result of the Catholic Bishops' Conference on Agriculture, Food and Rural Life.

Hart pointed out his concern for the preservation of the family farm. Some of the threats to wide farm ownership are the high costs to start a farm today, speculators in the market, and corporate farms. Mr. Hart illustrated the latter problem by the fact that Standard Oil owns 20.3 million acres in the U.S. He pointed out that the corporate farm structure "is only out to maximize profits." But the "bigger is better" mentality is not confined to big corporations. Neighboring farmers bid up and buy more

and more land within localities.

One local farmer in attendance agreed with this assessment and lamented that even farmers within the same church buy and sell land only to make profits, with little social concern for what use the land will be given.

Mr. Louis Lugo, graduate student from the University of Chicago, addressed the problem of hunger in Latin America. Mr. Lugo stressed the point that any help we give must not cause dependence or be used wastefully. "For example," he said, "most of the funds that went to Nicaragua from our government in the aftermath of the Managua earthquake were diverted by President Somoza for his own purposes."

Poverty and wealth distribution vary between and within Latin American countries. For example, Uruguay is ten times richer than Haiti, the poorest nation. There are definite economic classes in Latin America. The richest 5% of the population hold forty times as much wealth per capita as the lowest 20%. This 20% consists of some 70 million human beings living at bare subsistence levels.

The pressing need is for a redistribution of land because 1.4% of the population owns 60% of the land. This need provides fertile ground for Marxist agitation. The people of Marxist Cuba are not starving, but they have lost many freedoms. Mr. Lugo sees the Marxist alternative as highly undesirable.

Multinational corporations dominate agricultural operations in Latin America and around the world.

Ms. Diane Heeringa, a history student from London, Ontario, lectured on food from the grocery shopper's viewpoint. She decried the profit-oriented agri-business structure, bad working conditions in food processing plants, the loss of a third of our topsoil in the last century, and the fact that North America is a net importer of food.

The former Dordt student pulled from a grocery bag common items we buy and explained how so many of these foods are produced by corporations in other countries at the expense of the local population and their needs. One illustration she gave was of the baby food industry's advertising campaign to get third world mothers to purchase infant formulas while breast-feeding is more nutritious.

Mr. Mike Bruinooge, CRWRC Hunger Educator, spoke on structural change in the church. "People are not interested in world hunger problems because they are too abstract and overwhelming," he said. "Besides, we are profiting from the existing structure, so why should we try to change it?"

"If we as Christians don't work for change, we are supporting the current injustice and ignoring our responsibility. The gospel of Christ was to the poor oppressed. Can we ignore them now?"

Newsbrief ★★★★★★★★★★

Danny Gaither, one of the former members of the Bill Gaither Trio, will be coming to this area on Wednesday, February 27, at the First Reformed Church in Orange City at 7:30 p.m.

Danny sang for years all across America to tens of thousands of people sharing many of the songs his brother Bill wrote. Some of his songs are "He Touched Me," "Because He Lives," "The King Is Coming," and "Let's Just Praise the Lord."

Danny has recorded four solo albums, and many more as a part of the "Bill Gaither Trio."

This gospel concert is being sponsored by Hope Haven. There will be no admission charge--an offering will be received.

Now, four months later, the groups are about to begin.

During the intervening months the chapter's officers have been making the preparations necessary for the study groups: a study guide has been chosen, study groups formed, and group leaders secured. The groups will be meeting four times between February and May and will be using the study guide, Government is For Your Good, written by Ben Vandezande.

Vandezande, the speaker at the Hostess Supper, heads Outreach Niagara, a Christian social action group based in St. Catharines, Ontario.

The forty-page study guide covers the topic of politics and government in four chapters: "Politics is our Business," "Our Biblical Calling," "Building in Justice," and "Do Justice, Love Mercy."

Students interested in joining a study group may call Mrs. Joyce Hofland at 722-0751.

Last October those attending the Hostess Supper sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the Association for Public Justice (APJ) were given the opportunity to sign up for the political education study groups.

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Draft may affect 8.2 million

by Carol Bentz

Registering for the draft started up again for the first time since June of 1973 after the conclusion of United States involvement in Vietnam. The difference in this draft, however, is that women are asked to register along with men.

Carter is the first president to suggest registering women for the draft.

Carter asked for the registration in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in order "to increase preparedness" and demonstrate "our resolve." Registration would improve our capacity, if circumstances require, and increase the size and strength of our armed forces. It will enhance national security and permit the nation to mobilize rapidly in case of an emergency. It will affect 4.2 million women and 4 million men.

Registration would begin this summer for nineteen and twenty year olds, with eighteen year olds beginning next January 1.

Carter has the power to institute registration for the draft, but he needs to go to Congress for money and approval of registration.

Congress predicts that the plan

to compel male registration will go through. But according to House Speaker "Tip" O'Neill and other House and Senate Leaders, they foresee a defeat of the registration of women.

The two-sided attack for women registering has, some favoring women being drafted for both combat and non-combat duty, while others oppose women being drafted at all.

Carter said there is no distinction possible, on the basis of ability or performance, that would allow him to exclude women from the obligation to register. His decision, he says, is a recognition of the reality that both men and women are working members of our society.

Phyllis Schaflly (Head of Stop ERA) blamed the proposal on "women's lib," calling Carter's request "a cowardly" surrender to women's lib.

Eleanor Smeal, President of National Organization for Women (NOW), the largest feminist organization, approves of registering women for the draft, but doesn't favor women in combat.

A Defense Department official said, "Even if women aren't in a

foxhole, they will share many of the risks of combat. Women will be firing long-range missiles and high-altitude, anti-aircraft guns in any future conflict. And where do you think the direct hits by the enemy will be?"

Dordt students interviewed gave the following opinions:

Diane Dodd, sophomore, said, "I feel women should be registered. I would not like to see the conditions in the world to be such that there would be a need for the draft to be reinstated. I feel, however, that if war broke out, women should also do their part to help their country in whatever way possible."

Dave Klemm, sophomore, said, "The question of the draft poses important questions about war in general for the Christian. Is the country you live in worth dying for? Perhaps. But is it worth killing other image bearers of God? No, never. God's Kingdom and its principles continue under any form of government. For this reason, I am against the draft and

all war."

"I see it from a Christian point of view," remarked Kim Chandler, special student. "I don't think I have the mental toughness it takes to be in the army - especially not battle. I also have one brother that I really don't want to sacrifice to any war for any reason, which is a very selfish, but human feeling."

Some young Americans, have been calling Canadian government offices in the United States to find out how to emigrate to Canada. Canadian officials have been getting an average of fifteen calls a day from Americans interested because of the draft. Attitudes toward military service are not considered by the Canadian authorities.

This summer might see many young men and women making a trip to their local post office to fill out registration forms in the event the draft is passed.

Farm aids Ag Department

by Deb Butler

Agricultural staff members, students and area farmers will be farming and establishing plots on 120 acres of Iowa land purchased for \$2,800 per acre by Dordt College last year at this time.

According to Duane Bajema, instructor of agriculture, the land is located three miles north of Sioux Center. Bajema explained that there are actually two separate pieces of land: one piece of land is 80 acres (32 hectares), and the other piece is 40 acres (16 hectares). There are no buildings on the land as of yet.

The college financed the purchase of the land from temporary loans borrowed from the Special Subscribers Organization and through the sale of debentures or bonds for \$1,000 each, according to Lyle Gritters, director of development at Dordt College.

"As gifts come in for the farm," said Gritters, "the Special Subscribers have to be paid off first, and the bonds then have to be paid off. . . Some of the gifts designated for the farm have been paid back already."

Said Bajema, "Any money raised this way (through the sale of debentures) is considered loan money till the year 2000."

Gritters said that the fund drive for the 25th anniversary of the college will hopefully bring in gifts designated for the farm.

According to Bajema, the farm was purchased for a variety of reasons: as a model operation to be observed by students and the public, as a paid work experience and part time job center for students, especially Ca-

nadian students who are limited in work in the United States, as a research center and teaching department for the agricultural department and for farm lab experience, as a research facility for agricultural staff members, students and area farmers and as a possible practicum placement in farm management.


Although the land was not used last year because another farmer was renting the land out on a contract, as Bajema said, this year the college plans to get started by establishing research plots in conjunction with seed companies and chemicals companies.

"There is an agricultural committee," said Bajema, "of Senard Altena, an area agri-businessman, and Mr. Harold De Wit, who works in the development office here at the college in conjunction with the college. (The committee) provides for the overall function of policy-making of the farm and to provide structure for deciding policies."

Bajema also said that the college plans to eventually plant the basic crops like those planted in third world countries like rice, and a variety of beans. Animals such as dairy swine, sheep, and poultry, small livestock like rabbits, geese, and ducks will also eventually be purchased for the farm.

"Dordt is looking for different ground," said Bajema, "because the land is not along the highway and is not easily accessible to students."

The farm, according to Bajema, will be used as a classroom lab and "hands on" experience for virtually all the agriculture courses




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Dordt Dolphins complete second season

by Bonnie Miedema.

The Dordt College Dolphins completed their season on Saturday February 2 by losing to Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska. The Bullfrogs defeated the Dolphins 64-69 in a duel at Concordia's pool.

Randy Poel picked up three first places for Dordt. He won the 500 freestyle events and anchored the final event, the 400 freestyle relay. The winning times were 3:02.92, 53.94, and 4:02.23.

Rick Poel won the 200 freestyle 2:08.79 and led off the winning 400 freestyle relay. He came in second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:19.82.

Jim De Young earned second place in the 200 backstroke and 200 breaststroke with times of 2:44.14 and 3:47.96, respectively. His sister Lynn placed third in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:53.19.

Arlyn Slagter and Stu Nibbelink also swam on the winning 400 freestyle

relay. In addition, Arlyn came in third in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke, with times of 2:20.90 and 2:53.06, respectively.

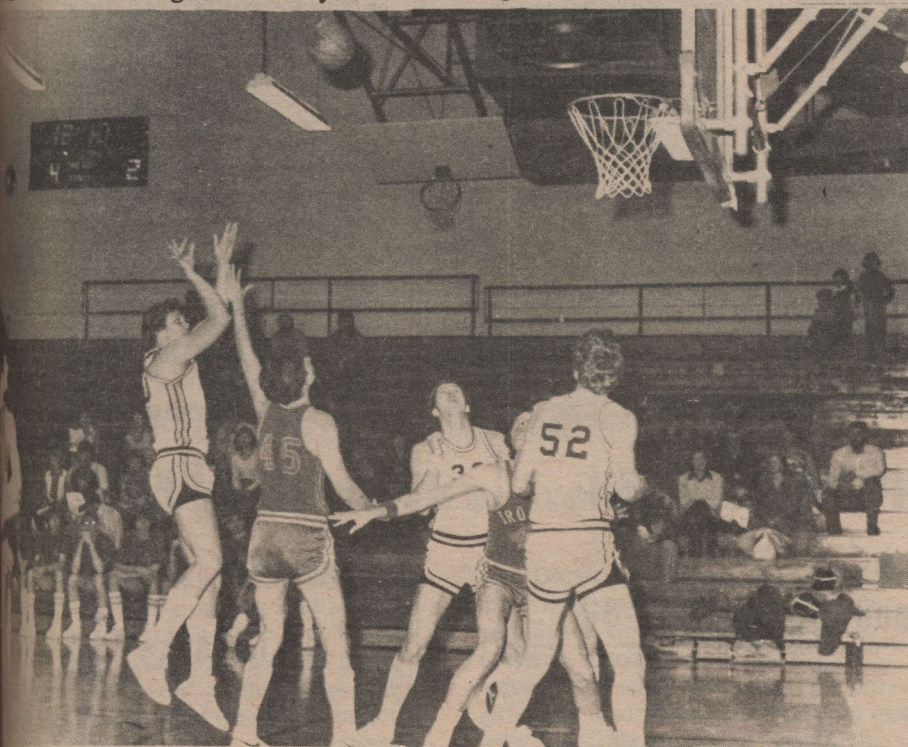
Yvonne Mennenga placed second and third in the 1,000 freestyle and 200 breaststroke, respectively. Her time for the breaststroke was 3:00.65. Bonnie Miedema touched second in the 200 butterfly, with a time of 3:04.21.

Dave and Mark De Nooy finished second and third, respectively, in the two diving events, both from the one meter (low) board. Dave was awarded 95.05 for the five required dives and 142.15 for his six optional dives. Mark scored 90.20 and 131.00, respectively.

The Dolphins expressed thanks to everyone for their support this season. Team members who will not be back next year due to graduation or transfer are seniors Dave De Nooy and Howard Van Mersbergen, junior Rick Poel, and sophomore Yvonne Mennenga.



First row. Left to right Henriette Fayer, Bonnie Miedema, Geraldine Velthuisen, Audrey Roorda, Yvonne Mennenga, Kris Visser, Lynn De Young, Jannette Van Gurp
Second row. Left to right Arlyn Slagter, Randy Poel, Dave De Nooy, Howard Van Mersbergen, Stu Nibbelink, Jim Venhuizen
Third row. Left to right: Mark De Nooy, Gregg Vande Kieft, Rick Poel, Gene De Boer Coach Jay Van Groningen



Kevin Wolterstorff attempts a basket

photo by Lyle Breems

Defenders try for conference title

by Tim Vos

The Defenders faced their biggest test of the Tri-State Conference last Saturday night at Northwestern and came up on the losing end of a 68-88 score. The loss lowered Dordt to 3-2 and 8-9 overall; but that record is good enough for a first place standing in the conference.

There is only one game remaining in Tri-State competition, a Saturday night date at Westmar which would likely determine the conference title. The loss was still costly, Saturday; it all but eliminated the Defenders from the NAIA playoffs.

In the contest versus Northwestern Dordt kept pace throughout the first half, managing a 49 point deadlock on a half-court shot at the buzzer.

In the second half Dordt shot poorly from the field, yet finished above 50 percent for the game. The most damaging statistic came under the boards; the Defenders were out-rebounded 41-28, including only five offensive rebounds to Northwestern's 20. Free-throws could have kept the Defenders from a loss; they missed ten and made only fourteen.

Northwestern had five men in double figures, led by Dietrich with 22, TeGropenhuis and Koerseiman with 18 each. Dordt was paced by Dayton Vogel and Rog Mulder, who each contributed 21 points; Kevin Wolterstorff had 16 tallies and a team-high ten rebounds. Dordt has only three games remaining, all on the road, including the season finale at Briar Cliff.

Women bring record to 10-8

by Carol Bentz

Dordt Women's Basketball team took a 71-67 loss to Augustana on February 12 to bring their record to 10-8. Defenders were on top with rebounds 42-30, but also had 18 turnovers to Augustana's 12. Caryl De Vries led team scoring with 25 points and D. J. Van Nieuwenhuizen added 13.

Dordt's Junior Varsity, however, conquered Augustana by a score of 60-32. Top scorers for the Defenders were Karla Kuipers with 10 and Shirley Byker with 8 points.

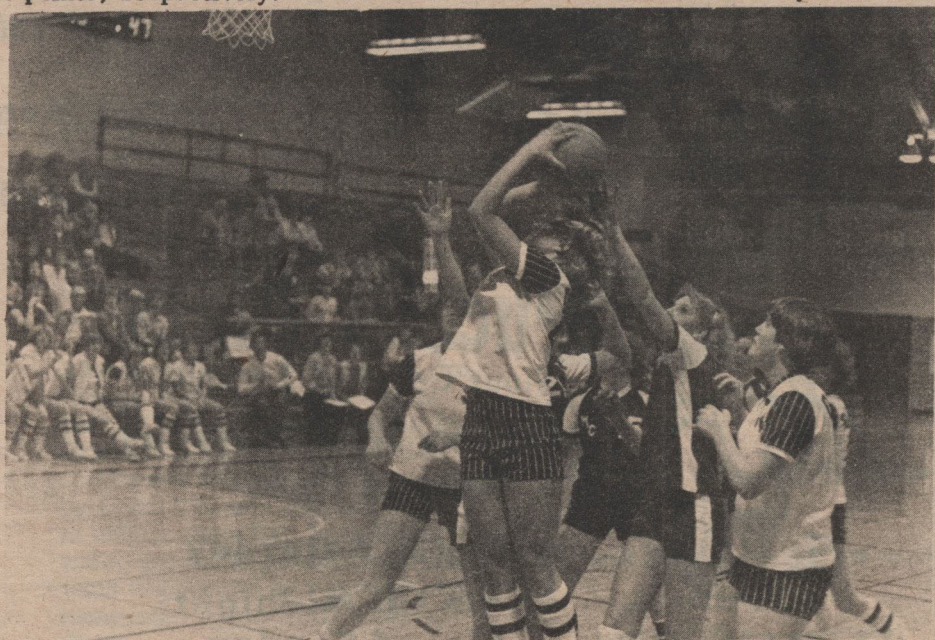
Dordt came up short against Buena Vista on February 9 by a score of 65-43. De Vries led the scoring with 13 points. Deb Vandenberg and Lisa Vander Wal added 10 and 6 points, respectively.

Morningside fell to the Defenders, 72-64, on February 6. Lisa Vander Wal was top scorer for Dordt with 18 points and Caryl De Vries followed with 15.

Dordt suffered defeat against Northwestern by a score of 71-50 on February 2. Shelli Van Ginkel led the scoring with 17 points and Caryl De Vries added 14.

Buena Vista came out on top, 70-64, when they played Dordt on January 31. Top scorers for the Defenders were Caryl De Vries with 28 and Shelli Van Ginkel with 14 points. Lori Lane led Buena Vista's scoring with 30 points.

Dordt played Yankton on February 13 and their Sectional Tournament is scheduled for February 15-16.



Dordt players scramble for the ball with Morningside photo by Corwin Slagter

Opinion : Christians , respond to politics!

by Gary Duim

Living for Christ in every area of life is the Christian's daily challenge. Our Christian commitment should express itself in thankfulness to our Redeemer, resulting in zealous obedience to His Word.

Needless to say, realizing this and living it out are two different things. We must humble ourselves before the Holy Spirit and ask him to take control of our life daily. As most students realize, living consistent lives in obedience to Christ is what Dordt is all about. The study of God's creation must be done using His Word as a "guide and lamp to our feet."

As redemptive agents in God's

world we must attempt to show God's righteousness and the coming King's justice. This means we must not only evangelize people but also speak God's word to politics or any other element of God's creation. If we discover what God says about doing justice, and we put this into practice in our own lives, our faith will be revitalized in the process.

What does this have to do with politics? Politics is a part of God's creation that we as Christians must respond to obediently. But when do we as Christians become concerned with politics? Usually only when our self interests are at stake.

When confronted with a problem or proposal, we ask what is in it for us before we ask what is right in the eyes of God and for the good of our fellowmen. Or we become concerned when events threaten to directly involve us, like when a military draft starts.

Often when we do become concerned, we look for and latch onto easy answers uncritically.

Why aren't Christians working out their political responsibilities? We might say the Christian community or we as individual Christians have enough problems without trying to get involved in politics too, or, "You can't change the

world anyway so why try"?

It is a scary world out there today. We only have to look on the T.V. screen and see starvation and murder. Nuclear arms threaten us all, and millions live in economic and political bondage. It's such a big world and it's all brought right before our eyes.

Living in the bloodiest century of mankind, we tend to relativize or ignore the evil forces at work in the world.

How do we start to be Christians in a political sense? We have to start doing justice to our neighbors about us, and be concerned that they are being treated fairly by the government and other people. To be concerned about everyone's rights and freedom and welfare, not just our own, is being politically Christian.

Now that we have a Political Science department here at Dordt we have a tremendous opportunity to yield our lives to Christ in the study of politics. Whatever our course of study is, we must all respond to God's call for justice. As Christians let us accept the exciting and challenging responsibility to seek and do justice throughout our lives. To those to whom much has been given, much will be required. That's us!

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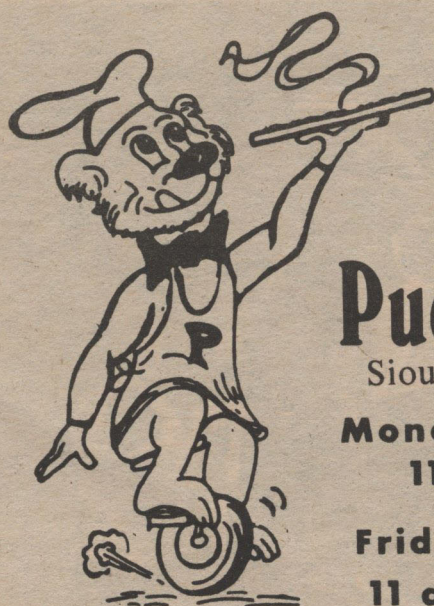
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